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Kodiak, Alaska, September 10, 1899.

Prof. John Muir,

Martinez, Cal.

My Dear Sir:-

The mail boat yesterday brought me the two volumes that you sent me. Will you accept my hearty thanks for your great kindness? You may be sure that it has been appreciated very much indeed. I have had time to merely glance over "The Mountains of California" but I know that I shall enjoy it. I will prize it especially because it is the gift of the author as I think I told you that I would never have come to Alaska had it not been for your writings. It will always bring to mind the few days spent at Kodiak by the "Harriman Expedition".

I have written to a party in "Cook's Inlet" concerning some baskets of spruce bark and by this same mail I received word that some would be shipped me in the next schooner coming this way. I shall try to see that you get a specimen of the work this winter. I will also see that you get the leaves and blossoms in the spring as requested.

We have had a magnificent summer here - the finest weather I ever experienced anywhere and it is still nice. I am hoping that this winter will be as enjoyable as was the one I have spent here. If such will be the case I will leave here convinced that it is impossible to

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find a healthier spot anywhere.

I was very sorry that you came back through Kodiak when I was away for I should have been glad to see you all again and hear of your experiences to the "Westward." I hope that they proved as enjoyable as the former parts of your trip. I was down in one of the numerous bays near here with a crowd of haymakers. I have spent almost all the vacation out in the open and have enjoyed it wonderfully.

I shall be very glad to be remembered to any of your party whom you think might care to remember an Alaskan school teacher. I expect to write to Mr. Keeler soon.

Again thanking you for your great kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. G. Slifer.

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